IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 23 and extending to page 28, line 11 as follows:

--It is preferred that at least 30 % by weight, more advantageously at least 50 % by weight, still more advantageously at least 70 % by weight of resin (a) used in the present invention is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic resin and a solvent-soluble resin, each independently having a softening temperature of 500 °C or less. In the present invention, the thermoplastic resin and the solvent-soluble resin can be used either individually or in combination. In resin (a) used in the present invention, the amount of the thermoplastic resin (having a softening temperature of 500 °C or less) and/or solvent-soluble resin ~~(each independently having a softening temperature of 500 °C or less)~~ is up to 100 % by weight.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 80, line 5, and extending to page 80, line 20 as follows:

--There is no particular limitation with respect to an elastomer used as a raw material for the elastomer layer so long as the elastomer has rubber elasticity. The elastomer layer may contain components other than an elastomer so long as the elastomer layer has a Shore A hardness in the above-mentioned range. As elastomers usable as raw materials for the elastomer layer, there can be mentioned a thermoplastic elastomer, a photocurable elastomer, a thermocurable elastomer and a porous elastomer having nanometer-size micropores. From the viewpoint of ease in producing a printing plate having a shape of a sheet or cylinder, it is preferred that the elastomer layer is produced by photocuring a resin which is in a liquid state at ~~room temperature~~ 20 °C (that is, a raw material which becomes an elastomer after being photocured).--